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Classified by DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Pol/Econ chief October 30 delivered demarches in reftels concerning Iranian President Ahmadinejad's remarks to MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. Shaikh Abdul Aziz listened carefully to the demarches and promised to pass the information to Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid. He commented that when presenting demarches of this type to Islamic countries, the U.S. should always restate its commitment to resolution of the Israel-Palestine peace track. This would emphasize the United States' even-handedness when dealing with issues involving Israel.

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